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#### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**LS 7774 NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 19, 2007

BILL NUMBER: HB 1468 BILL AMENDED:

**SUBJECT:** Immunizations by Pharmacists.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Welch

BILL STATUS: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 1<sup>st</sup> House

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation</u>: This bill allows a physician to delegate a pharmacist to administer immunizations under a drug order or prescription. It also requires the Board of Pharmacy to adopt rules concerning the qualifications, protocols, and record-keeping requirements of pharmacists who administer immunizations.

Effective Date: July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill would clarify that the scope of practice for pharmacists includes the administration of immunizations by pharmacists as delegated by a physician. The physician's drug order or prescription is to specify the general population of persons to receive the immunization and the date, time, and place of administration.

The bill requires the Board of Pharmacy to promulgate rules regarding training requirements for the administration of immunizations and record-keeping and reporting responsibilities. This administrative activity should be able to be implemented within the existing level of resources available to the Board.

Background Information: According to the American Pharmacists Association, 36 states are reported to have pharmacists that actively administer immunizations. Several states have limited the administration of immunizations by pharmacists to the adult population and require certain training and record-keeping and reporting requirements for this activity. The American Pharmacists Association offers an immunization training program for pharmacists in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) standards.

#### **Explanation of State Revenues:**

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## **Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

### **Explanation of Local Revenues:**

<u>State Agencies Affected:</u> Professional Licensing Agency, Board of Pharmacy.

**Local Agencies Affected:** 

**Information Sources:** http://www.aphanet.org

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